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SUBJECT: SOVIET MIDDLE EAST PRESS TIDBITS

1. PRAVDA SEPTEMBER 16 CARRIES A BRIEF ITEM ANNOUNCING
THE ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW OF A SYRIAN BAATH PARTY DELEGATION
HEADED BY ALEPPO PARTY CHAIRMAN OMAR IBRAHIM. THE OSTENSIBLE
REASON FOR THE VISIT IS TO DISCUSS AGRICULTURAL MATTERS.

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2. ANOTHER BRIEF ARTICLE DISCUSSES THE SITUATION IN LEBANON,

DESCRIBING PM KARAME'S MEETINGS WITH " REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE MOVEMENT" WITHOUT MENTION OF ARAFAT OR
ANY OTHERS BY NAME. IN THIS REGARD, WE ALSO NOTE WITH INTEREST
THAT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE SOVIET PRESS NEVER REPORTED THE
RECENT BESTOWAL ON ARAFAT BY THE WORLD PEACE COUNCIL OF ITS
"PEACE" PRIZE. ALTHOUGH THESE ARE ADMITTEDLY SLENDER EVIDENTIARY
REEDS, THESE OMISSIONS COULD INDICATE THAT MOSCOW IS SHYING
AWAY FROM PUBLIC IDENTIFICATION WITH ARAFAT AS THE ONE AND
ONLY SPOKESMAN FOR THE PALESTINIANS.
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